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Search Notes

Re: Probe for Probe Microscope Using Transparent Substrate, Method of Producing the Same, and Probe Microscope Device

Examiner Purinton:

Attached are edited search results from the patent and NPL literature in STN. Databases searched included Chemical Abstracts, Derwent World Patent Index, Japan Patent Abstracts, and Korean Patent Abstracts. In addition, I examined the search reports for the foreign patent family members, and forward citation searched these documents. Unfortunately, I do not believe I found the limitations of Claim 2, or of Fig 10. Here are some results which may be of some use.

If you would like more searching to be done on this case (re-focused), or if you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
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Relevant prior art found

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- ☐ 103 rejection
- ☐ Cited as being of interest
- ☐ Helped better understand invention
- ☐ Helped better understand state of the art in technology

Types ☐ Foreign Patent(s) ☐ Non-Patent Literature

Relevant prior art not found

- ☐ Results verified the lack of relevant prior art (helped determine patentability).
- ☐ Results were not useful in determining the patentability or understanding of the invention.

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a probe for a probe microscope which is made on a transparent substrate and has a microlens in the substrate, see claim 2 or figure 10 for the idea needed. 302 is the microlens, 301 is the transparent substrate of the probe, 304 is the cantilever that is closest to the sample surface.

Synonyms:

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Figure 9

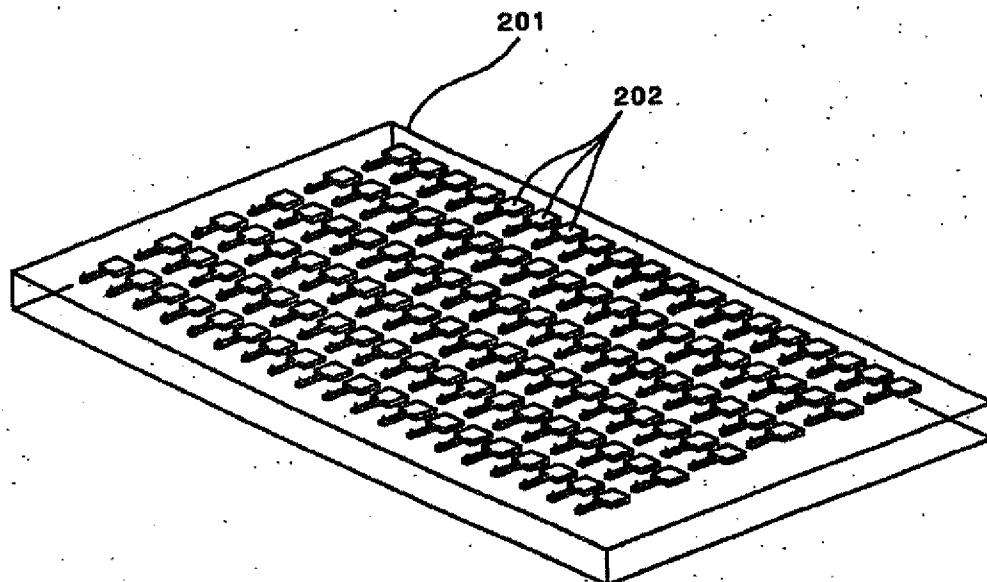
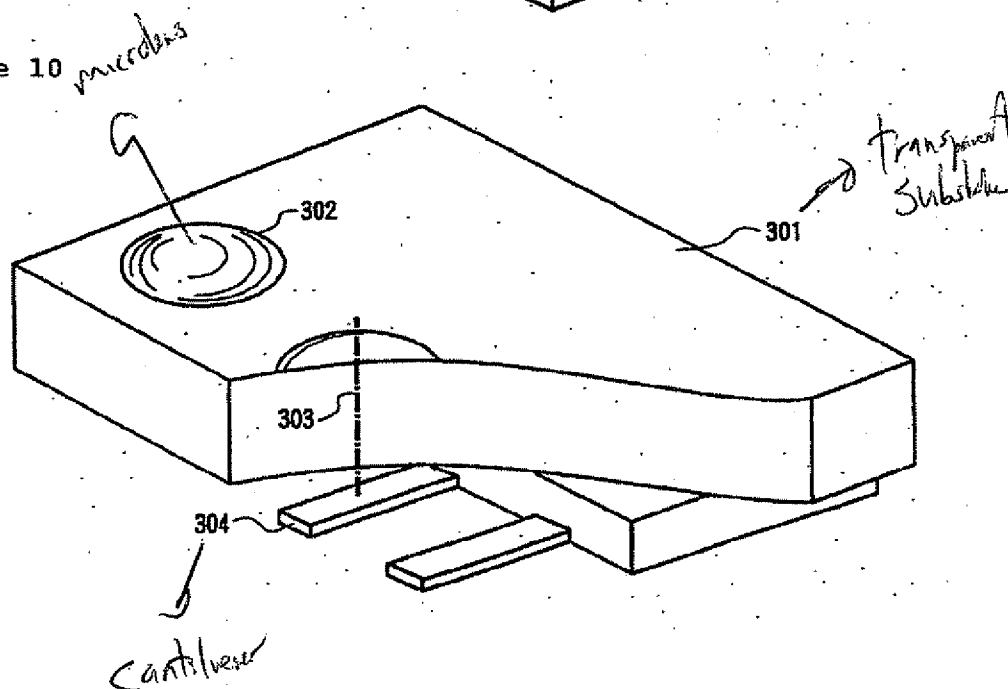


Figure 10



[177] When the probe described in Embodiment 2 is used, the optical lens 2113 may not be necessary in some cases. When the probe described in Embodiment 4 is used, a quarter-wave plate 2118 is not necessary.

[178] An intensity modulation frequency of the excitation laser light is determined by the frequency of an excitation frequency signal generator 2117. By setting the frequency to coincide with the resonant frequency of the antilever 2107 at a certain point, the amplitude of the vibration is decreased as the resonant frequency of the antilever 2107 is changed, and the change in resonant frequency is obtained. In addition, instead of the excitation frequency signal generator 2117, by using an output signal of the laser Doppler velocimeter 2115 being amplified and passed through a filter, self-excited vibration may be allowed to occur, and by detecting the change in this vibration frequency, the change in resonant frequency can also be detected.

[0179] In the embodiment described above, the probe microscope device is described by way of example in which the method for vibrating the cantilever by blinking light is performed in combination with the laser Doppler velocimeter. Alternatively, a probe microscope device may also be formed in which the method for vibrating the cantilever by blinking light is combined with an optical lever or the method described in Embodiment 9.

Embodiment 11

[0180] Next, a method for driving a cantilever of a probe microscope device of Embodiment 11 according to the present invention will be described.

[0181] As shown in FIG. 29, on a substrate 2201, a thin film structure (cantilever) 2202 is provided parallel to this substrate 2201. When laser light 2204 is irradiated from the above, the thin film structure (cantilever) 2202 absorbs part of the light. The rest of the light passes through the thin film structure 2202 and reaches the surface of the substrate 2201. A space between the thin film structure 2202 and the substrate 2201 forms the structure similar to one type of Fabry-Perot resonator, and a standing light wave 2203 is generated.

[0182] The amount of energy absorbed from light in the thin film 2202 is proportional to the amplitude of the standing wave 2203. When the amount of light absorbed in the thin film 2202 at the top side is different from that at the bottom side, a bending moment is generated, so that the thin film is bent; however, since the standing wave 2203 is present, as a result of the above bending, the amount of absorption of light is also changed. It has been known that when the amplitude and the position of the standing wave 2203 satisfy appropriate conditions, self-excited vibration occurs in the thin film structure 2202. This phenomenon is disclosed in Non-Patent Document 2 described above.

[0183] Since the probe of the present invention uses the transparent substrate, laser light 2205 is allowed to pass through the transparent substrate from the lower side shown in FIG. 29, and self-excited vibration similar to that described above can be generated.

[0184] An embodiment of a probe microscope device in which self-excited vibration is generated in a cantilever using this phenomenon can be achieved with, for example,

exactly the same device as in the embodiment shown in FIG. 23, and by appropriately adjusting the intensity and the wavelength of the laser light source 1615 and the space between the cantilever 1607 and the transparent substrate. Alternatively, it can be achieved with an embodiment approximately equivalent to that shown in FIG. 28, additionally changing the excitation laser light source 2116 to a laser light source having a constant intensity, and adjusting the intensity and the wavelength thereof and the space between the cantilever 2107 and the substrate appropriately. An optical lever may also be used in combination.

[0185] The present invention is not limited to the embodiments described above, and within the spirit and the scope of the present invention, various modification may be performed and are not excluded from the range of the present invention.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

[0186] The present invention may be suitably applied to a probe microscope having a probe with high accuracy.

1. A probe for a probe microscope using a transparent substrate, comprising: at least one cantilever which is made of a thin film and which is supported on one surface of the transparent substrate with a predetermined space therefrom, the transparent substrate being formed of a material transparent to visible light or near-infrared light and having an observation window function which enables optical observation and measurement while partitioning environments of the inside and the outside of a container, whereby the cantilever is optically observed or measured or is optically driven through the rear surface of the transparent substrate.

2. The probe for a probe microscope using a transparent substrate, according to claim 1, wherein a microlens is formed as a part of the transparent substrate, the microlens allows light used for optical observation or measurement of the cantilever, or for optical driving thereof to converge on the rear surface of the cantilever.

3. The probe for a probe microscope using a transparent substrate, according to claim 1, wherein the front surface of the transparent substrate is slightly inclined to the rear surface thereof in order to prevent the interference between a light reflected on the front surface of the transparent substrate and a light reflected on the rear surface thereof.

4. The probe for a probe microscope using a transparent substrate, according to claim 1, wherein the transparent substrate is also used as a quarter-wave plate.

5. The probe for a probe microscope using a transparent substrate, according to claim 1, wherein the cantilever has an internal stress, whereby the space between the cantilever and the transparent substrate is gradually increased from a fixed portion of the cantilever toward the free end thereof.

6. A method for manufacturing a probe for a probe microscope using a transparent substrate, comprising the steps of

- (a) forming a cantilever from a single crystalline silicon thin film of a SOI substrate;

- (b) bonding the rear surface of the SOI substrate to a glass substrate; and

- (c) removing a handling wafer and a buried oxide film of the SOI substrate.

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TITLE: Cantilever array for scanning probe microscope, uses
laser Doppler interferometer with specimen light
excitation function

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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - The cantilever array comprises a large number of compliant cantilevers (3) sliding on the surface (2) of the specimen (1), sliding device of guide and rotation mechanism, a sensor, a homodyne laser interferometer, and a laser Doppler interferometer with specimen light excitation function.

USE - For scanning probe mechanism

ADVANTAGE - Cantilever array is formed in a simple structure and capable of accurately detecting the surface of a specimen.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - specimen (1)

surface (2)

compliant cantilevers (3)

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1/25

TITLE-TERMS: CANTILEVER ARRAY SCAN PROBE MICROSCOPE LASER DOPPLER
INTERFEROMETER SPECIMEN LIGHT EXCITATION FUNCTION

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TITLE: Specimen container for specimen observation in liquid has transparent glass substrate provided with transparent electrode film, and ring that keeps liquid in and which is provided on transparent electrode film through glass substrate

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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

The container includes a transparent glass substrate (10) provided with a transparent electrode film (11) that generates heat when electric power is supplied.

A ring (14) for keeping liquid in is provided on the transparent electrode film through the glass substrate which is provided for insulation.

ADVANTAGE - Simplifies correct alignment of probe of scanning probe microscope with observation position of specimen. Cantilever is not influenced by reflux of liquid, thereby enabling continuous observation during liquid recirculation.

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1/3

TITLE-TERMS: SPECIMEN CONTAINER OBSERVE LIQUID TRANSPARENT GLASS SUBSTRATE
ELECTRODE FILM RING KEEP THROUGH

DERWENT-CLASS: P81 S03 V05

EPI-CODES: S03-E02F; S03-E13D; V05-F01A5; V05-F04G;

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TITLE: Probe for detecting/irradiating light in, e.g.,
information processing apparatus, comprises cantilever,
hollow tip, microaperture and hollow waveguide

INVENTOR: KURODA A; KURODA R ; SHIMADA Y

PATENT-ASSIGNEE: CANON KK[CANO] , KURODA R[KUROI], SHIMADA Y[SHIMI]

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BASIC-ABSTRACT:

NOVELTY - A probe for detecting light or irradiating light comprises

- (a) a cantilever (7) having an end supported by a substrate (11),
- (b) a hollow tip (6) formed at the cantilever free end,
- (c) a microaperture (8) formed at the end of the tip, and
- (d) a hollow waveguide (9) formed inside the cantilever.

DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for (A) a method for producing a probe for light detection or light irradiation comprising (i) working a substrate to form a groove, (ii) forming a flat plate-shaped cover portion on the groove to form a hollow waveguide having an opening in a part, (iii) forming a hollow tip having a microaperture on the opening, and (iv) removing a part of the substrate by etching to form a cantilever; (B) an exposure apparatus provided with the inventive probe; and (C) an information processing apparatus provided with the inventive probe.

USE - For evanescent light detection/irradiation useful in a near field optical microscope. It can also be used in exposure apparatus and in information processing apparatus (claimed).

ADVANTAGE - The probe is capable of reducing the light transmission loss between the waveguide and the optical microaperture or that in the short wavelength region in the waveguide while maintaining the advantage of fabricating easily the probes by easy integration and easy size reduction. The probe can be fabricated by a batch process with a high productivity and a satisfactory process reproducibility of the optical microaperture.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the inventive probe.

Tip (6)

Cantilever (7)

Microaperture (8)

Hollow waveguide (9)

Mirror (10)

Substrate (11)

EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS:

ELECTRONICS

Preferred Components: The waveguide has a V-shaped or U-shaped transversal cross section. The tip is shaped as a square cone. The probe is provided with a mirror (10) for guiding light transmitted in a hollow interior of the hollow waveguide to the microaperture or guiding light entering from the microaperture to the hollow waveguide. The mirror is a concave mirror. Preferred Method: The groove is formed by etching, preferably crystal-anisotropic etching the substrate. The method further includes a surface treatment step of forming the groove or the cover portion into a mirror surface state. The cover portions are formed from a silicon-on-insulator (SOI) layer of an SOI substrate. The cover portion may also be formed by filling the groove with a resin layer and forming a metal film on the resin layer. The step of forming the hollow tip having the microaperture on the opening comprises (i) forming a film of a tip material on a recess formed on a substrate, (ii) transferring the tip material onto the opening, and (iii) etching the end of a hollow tip resulting from the transferring step to form the microaperture.

INORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Preferred Materials: The cantilever is composed of silicon.

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1b/12

TITLE-TERMS: PROBE DETECT IRRADIATE LIGHT INFORMATION PROCESS APPARATUS
COMPRISE CANTILEVER HOLLOW TIP WAVEGUIDE

DERWENT-CLASS: L03 S03 V05

CPI-CODES: L03-G02; L04-E05;

EPI-CODES: S03-E02F; S03-E06B1;

SECONDARY-ACC-NO:

CPI Secondary Accession Numbers: 2002-110435

Non-CPI Secondary Accession Numbers: 2002-307917

DERWENT-ACC-NO: 1994-344561

DERWENT-WEEK: 199443

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TITLE: Optical displacement detection sensor for scanning probe microscope uses cantilevered support structure and Fabry-Perot resonator to detect minute displacements, and has reflecting surfaces between probe and transparent substrate

INVENTOR: KURODA A; OGUCHI T ; SAKAI K ; TODOKORO Y

PATENT-ASSIGNEE: CANON KK[CANO]

PRIORITY-DATA: 1993JP-072841 (March 9, 1993)

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PUB-NO	PUB-DATE	LANGUAGE
JP 06267408 A	September 22, 1994	JA

APPLICATION-DATA:

PUB-NO	APPL-DESCRIPTOR	APPL-NO	APPL-DATE
JP 06267408A	N/A	1993JP-072841	March 9, 1993

INT-CL-CURRENT:

TYPE	IPC	DATE
CIPP	G01B21/30	20060101
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CIPS	B81C1/00	20060101
CIPS	B82B3/00	20060101
CIPS	G01N13/12	20060101
CIPS	G01N37/00	20060101
CIPS	G11B9/00	20060101
CIPS	G11B9/14	20060101
CIPS	H01J37/28	20060101
CIPS	H01J9/14	20060101
CIPS	H01L41/09	20060101

ABSTRACTED-PUB-NO:

EQUIVALENT-ABSTRACTS:

CHOSEN-DRAWING: Dwg.1/8

TITLE-TERMS: OPTICAL DISPLACEMENT DETECT SENSE SCAN PROBE MICROSCOPE CANTILEVER
SUPPORT STRUCTURE FABRY PEROT RESONANCE MINUTE REFLECT SURFACE
TRANSPARENT SUBSTRATE

ADDL-INDEXING-TERMS:

TUNNELLING ATOMIC FORCE

DERWENT-CLASS: J04 L03 S02 S03 T03 V05

CPI-CODES: J04-C; L03-C04; L03-D04D;

EPI-CODES: S02-A08E; S03-E02F; S03-E06B1;

SECONDARY-ACC-NO:

CPI Secondary Accession Numbers: 1994-156821

Non-CPI Secondary Accession Numbers: 1994-270393

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STN

L101 ANSWER 71 OF 106 COPYRIGHT THOMSON REUTERS on STN

AN 2000-058821 [05] WPIX

DNN N2000-046047 [05]

TI Probe tip structure for scanning type
microscope - has scattering element extending from probe
base, whose rear side is covered by
transparent film

DC S02

IN SASAKI Y

PA (OLYU-C) OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO LTD

CYC 1

PI JP 11316241 A 19991116 (200005)* JA 11[10]

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ADT JP 11316241 A JP 1998-122196 19980501

PRAI JP 1998-122196 19980501

IPCR G01B0011-30 [I,A]; G01B0011-30 [I,C]; G01N0013-10 [I,C];

G01N0013-14 [I,A]; G01N0037-00 [I,A]; G01N0037-00 [I,C]

AB JP 11316241 A UPAB: 20050409

NOVELTY - The probe (8) consists of a scattering element (202) projecting from base (200). Light is scattered to end of probe by the scattering element. On the backside of scattering element, a transparent aluminum film (20) is formed. DETAILED DESCRIPTION - The probe has rectangular lever (12), that has a projection (10) at the free end. On the peripheral of scattering element a smooth convex flat surface is provided.

USE - For scanning type microscope used for specimen analysis.

ADVANTAGE - Enables detection of scattered light of large angle range, as the detection angle of scattered light is limited. DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The figure shows the perspective view of probe. (8) Probe; (10) Projection; (12) Lever; (20) Transparent aluminum film; (200) Base; (202) Scattering element.

MC EPI: S02-A03B5; S02-J04B1

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STN

L32 ANSWER 10 OF 25 COPYRIGHT THOMSON REUTERS on STN

AN 2005-233000 [24] WPIX

DNN N2005-192013 [24]

TI Probe of scanning-type probe microscope, has light measurement cantilever provided at head of supporting cantilever extended horizontally from base, has length of 20 micrometer or less and thickness of 1 micrometer or less

DC S03; V05

IN KAWAKATSU H; KOBAYASHI D

PA (NISC-N) JAPAN SCI & TECHNOLOGY AGENCY

CYC 107

PI WO 2005020243 A1 20050303 (200524)* JA 30[13]

EP 1667164 A1 20060607 (200638) EN

KR 2006036456 A 20060428 (200672) KO

JP 2005513248 X 20061116 (200675) JA 18

US 20070108159 A1 20070517 (200734) EN

RU 2320034 C2 20080320 (200823) RU

PRAI JP 2003-275200 20030716

IPC1 C23F0001-00 [I,A]; C23F0001-00 [I,C]; G01N0013-10 [I,A];

G01N0013-16 [I,A]; G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-00 [I,C];

G12B0021-02 [I,A]; G12B0021-08 [I,A]; H01J0040-00 [I,C];

H01J0040-14 [I,A]

IPCR G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-02 [I,A]

EPC G01Q0245-16

ICO Y01N0008:00

NCL NCLM 216/002.000

NCLS 250/234.000

AB WO 2005020243 A1 UPAB: 20050708

NOVELTY - A light measurement cantilever (24) provided at the head of a supporting cantilever (23) extended horizontally from the base (21), has length of 20 micrometer or less and thickness of 1 micrometer or less.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - An INDEPENDENT CLAIM is also included for method for manufacturing of probe of scanning-type probe microscope.

USE - Probe of scanning-type probe microscope.

ADVANTAGE - Performs accurate measurement without the base of cantilever coming in contact with the object to-be-measured and without the object being hidden by the base of probe.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows the perspective of the probe of scanning-type probe microscope. bases (21,31) supporting cantilevers (23,33) light measurement cantilevers (24,34)

MC EPI: S03-E02F; V05-F01A5; V05-F01B3;

V05-F04B6A

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STN

L101 ANSWER 72 OF 106 COPYRIGHT THOMSON REUTERS on STN

AN 1999-390418 [33] WPIX

DNN N1999-292829 [33]

TI Identification system in cantilever assembly for scanning
probe of scanning type electron microscope -
has unique identification mark recorded on substrate on which
cantilever is mounted, to identify type of cantilever

DC S03; V05

IN SATO Y; SHIMIZU N

PA (DASE-C) SEIKO INSTR INC

CYC 2

PI JP 11153610 A 19990608 (199933)* JA 5[11]

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US 6176122 B1 20010123 (200107) EN

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JP 3466067 B2 20031110 (200377) JA 5

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ADT JP 11153610 A JP 1997-320185 19971120; JP 3466067 B2 JP 1997-320185
19971120; US 6176122 B1 US 1998-197587 19981119

FDT JP 3466067 B2 Previous Publ JP 11153610 A

PRAI JP 1997-320185 19971120

IPCR G01N0013-10 [I,A]; G01N0013-10 [I,C];

G01N0013-16 [I,A]; G01N0037-00 [I,A]; G01N0037-00 [I,C];

G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-02 [I,A]; G12B0021-08

[N,A]; G12B0021-10 [N,A]; H01J0037-28 [I,A]; H01J0037-28 [I,C]

EPC G01B0007-34A1A1; G01Q0245-00

ICO S12B0021:08; S12B0021:10; Y01N0008:00

AB JP 11153610 A UPAB: 20050521

NOVELTY - A self-detection type cantilever (70) is mounted on the epoxy glass
substrate (80) to form a cantilever assembly (10). Unique identification marks
(91,91a) are recorded on the substrate, to identify the type of cantilever
assembly, such as AFM or MFM type.

USE - In scanning probe of electron microscope.

ADVANTAGE - Offers simple and easy method for identification of type of
cantilever by referring identification mark. DESCRIPTION OF DRAWING(S) - The
figure shows the top view of cantilever assembly. (10) Cantilever assembly;
(70) Self- detection type cantilever; (80) Epoxy glass substrate; (91,91a)
Unique identification marks.

L32 ANSWER 12 OF 25 COPYRIGHT THOMSON REUTERS on STN

AN 2004-553387 [53] WPIX

DNN N2004-437816 [53]

TI Oscillation frequency measurement method for multi cantilevers for vibration meter, involves exciting natural frequencies of cantilevers sequentially by modulating optical excitation to measure vibration by laser Doppler meter

DC S02; S03; V05

IN KAWAKATSU H

PA (DOKU-N) DOKURITSU GYOSEI HOJIN KAGAKU GIJUTSU SH; (NISC-N) JAPAN SCI & TECHNOLOGY AGENCY; (KAWA-I) KAWAKATSU H

PI WO 2004061427 A1 20040722 (200453)* JA 12[6]

JP 2004212078 A 20040729 (200453) JA 13

EP 1577660 A1 20050921 (200562) EN

KR 2005088237 A 20050902 (200648) KO

US 20060162455 A1 20060727 (200650) EN

JP 3958206 B2 20070815 (200755) JA 13

RU 2313141 C2 20071220 (200804) RU

KR 699269 B1 20070328 (200820) KO

PRAI JP 2002-378996 20021227

IC ICM G01N0013-16

IPCI G01B0005-28 [I,A]; G01B0005-28 [I,C]; G01H0013-00 [I,A]; G01H0013-00 [I,C]; G01N0013-10 [I,A]; G01N0013-10 [I,C]; G01N0013-10 [I,C]; G01N0013-16 [I,A]; G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-08 [I,A]; G12B0021-22 [I,A]

IPCR G01H0009-00 [I,A]; G01H0009-00 [I,C]; G01N0013-10 [I,A]; G01N0013-10 [I,C]; G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-02 [N,A]; G12B0021-08 [I,A]

EPC G01H0009-00; G01N0013-10; G01Q0210-02; G01Q0210-04; G01Q0240-30; G01Q0245-06

ICO S12B0021:02C6; Y01N0008:00

NCL NCLM 073/579.000

NCLS 073/105.000

AB WO 2004061427 A1 UPAB: 20060122

NOVELTY - A cantilever array (11) consists of cantilevers (2-n), each having different natural frequencies. The natural frequencies are sequentially excited by modulating optical excitation to measure the vibration by a laser Doppler meter.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for the following: (1) oscillation frequency of multi cantilever; (2) scanning-type probe microscope; and (3) mass substance detector.

USE - For measuring oscillation frequency of multi cantilevers, in vibration-meter, scanning-type probe microscope (claimed), mass substance detector (claimed).

ADVANTAGE - Eliminates the need of incorporating an exciting or detecting element in each cantilever and simplifies the structure of cantilevers by means of optical pumping and optical measuring. Provides high Q values and diversities of high-frequency operations and modification processes to cantilevers. DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The figure shows a schematic view of the multi cantilevers.

cantilever array (11)

cantilevers (2-n)

MC EPI: S02-A03B4; S02-E01; S03-E02F; V05-F01A5;

V05-F01B5A; V05-F04B6A

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STN

L101 ANSWER 9 OF 106 COPYRIGHT ACS on STN
AN 2003:902946 HCAPLUS
ED Entered STN: 19 Nov 2003
TI Scan probe microscope [Machine Translation].
IN Amakusa, Takaaki
PA Jeol Ltd., Japan
SO Jpn. Kokai Tokkyo Koho, 4 pp.
CODEN: JKXXAF
DT Patent
LA Japanese
IC ICM G01N013-16
ICS G01B021-30; G01N013-10

FAN.CNT 1

PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI JP 2003329565	A	20031119	JP 2002-132592	20020508 <--
PRAI JP 2002-132592		20020508	<--	

AB [Machine Translation of Descriptors]. Decrease of the resolution which it occurs due to the fact that the transparent plate vibrates to the cantilever and simultaneous is prevented. Stabilizing the light ray in the liquid, in order to introduce, in order to touch to the liquid level, making the probe which had the liquid middle cell where the transparent plate is installed, is installed in the cantilever point the sample surface approach, the transparent plate, becoming independent with the vibrating body which consists of the cantilever and the like in the scan probe microscope which detects sample surface information, it is kept in the liquid medium cell adjacent holder.

L101 ANSWER 5 OF 106 COPYRIGHT ACS on STN

AN 2004:648677 HCAPLUS

ED Entered STN: 12 Aug 2004

TI **Probe** for an optical near field microscope and method for producing the same

IN Brandenburg, Albrecht; Kuenzel, Christa; Eberhard, Dietmar

PA Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft Zur Foerderung Der Angewandten Forschung E.V., Germany

SO PCT Int. Appl.

CODEN: PIXXD2

DT Patent

LA German

IC ICM G12B021-06

ICS G12B021-02

FAN.CNT 1

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	WO 2004068501	A2	20040812	WO 2003-EP14555	20031218 <--
	WO 2004068501	A3	20041104		
	DE 10303961	A1	20040826	DE 2003-10303961	20030131 <--
	DE 10303961	B4	20050324		
	AU 2003298211	A1	20040823	AU 2003-298211	20031218 <--
	EP 1588383	A2	20051026	EP 2003-795926	20031218 <--
	JP 2006514273	T	20060427	JP 2004-567318	20031218 <--
	US 20060050373	A1	20060309	US 2005-193962	20050729 <--
	<u>BRAI DE 2003-10303961</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>20030131</u>		<--
	WO 2003-EP14555	W	20031218		<--

AB The invention relates to a **probe** for an optical near field microscope, said **probe** comprising a tip which is formed on a self-contained carrier, and to a method for producing the same. The aim of the invention is to provide a **probe** for an optical near field microscope and a method for the production thereof, whereby the **probe** has a tip with a very small aperture diameter and can thus be produced in a reproducible manner, according to a simple, advantageously controllable method. To this end, the inventive **probe** is characterised in that the **probe** tip is embodied as a complete structure which is applied to a planar surface of the carrier, and the inventive method comprises the following steps: a transparent layer is applied to a substrate, the thickness of the transparent layer corresponding to at least the height of the **probe** tip; the transparent layer is masked in at least one region of the **probe** tip; and the transparent layer is etched, forming the **probe** tip.

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L101 ANSWER 11 OF 106 COPYRIGHT ACS on STN

AN 2003:774588 HCAPLUS

ED Entered STN: 03 Oct 2003

TI Scanning probe system with spring probe

IN Hantschel, Thomas; Chow, Eugene M.; Fork, David K.

PA Xerox Corporation, USA

SO U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ.

CODEN: USXXCO

DT Patent

LA English

IC ICM G01N023-00

INCL 073105000; 250306000

FAN.CNT 2

	PATENT NO.	KIND	DATE	APPLICATION NO.	DATE
PI	US 20030182993	A1	20031002	US 2002-112215	20020329 <--
	US 20030183761	A1	20031002	US 2002-136258	20020430 <--
	JP 2003307483	A	20031031	JP 2003-79950	20030324 <--
	EP 1351256	A2	20031008	EP 2003-7302	20030331 <--
	EP 1351256	A3	20060517		
	US 20040123651	A1	20040701	US 2003-717803	20031119 <--
PRAI	US 2002-112215	A2	20020329		<--

AB ~~Scanning probe systems, which include scanning probe microscopes (SPMs), atomic force microscope (AFMs), or profilometers, are disclosed that use cantilevered spring (e.g., stressy metal) probes formed on transparent substrates. When released, a free end bends away from the substrate to form the cantilevered spring probe, which has an in-plane or out-of-plane tip at its free end. The spring probe is mounted in a scanning probe system and is used to scan or otherwise probe a substrate surface. A laser beam is directed through the transparent substrate onto the probe to measure tip movement during scanning or probing. Other detection schemes can also be used (e.g., interferometry, capacitive, piezoresistive). The probes are used for topography, electrical, optical and thermal measurements. The probes also allow an SPM to operate as a depth gauge.~~

L101 ANSWER 16 OF 106 COPYRIGHT ACS on STN

AN 2002:821205 HCAPLUS

ED Entered STN: 29 Oct 2002

TI High frequency-bandwidth optical technique to measure
thermal elongation time responses of near-field scanning optical
microscopy probes

AU Biehler, B.; La Rosa, A. H.

CS Department of Physics, Portland State University, Portland, OR, 97207, USA

SO Review of Scientific Instruments (2002), 73(11), 3837-3840

CODEN: RSINAK; ISSN: 0034-6748

PB American Institute of Physics

DT Journal

LA English

AB A near-field scanning optical microscopy (NSOM) probe elongates when light is coupled into it. The time response of this thermal process is measured here by a new optical technique that exploits the typical flat-apex morphol. of the probe as a mirror in a Fabry-Perot type cavity. Pulsed laser light is coupled into the probe to heat up the tip, while another continuous wave laser serves to monitor the elongation from the interference pattern established by the reflections from the flat-apex probe and a semitransparent metal-coated flat sample. A quarter wave plate is introduced into the interferometer optical path in order to maximize the signal to noise level, thus allowing the elongation of the tip to be monitored in real time. This optical technique, unlike other methods based on electronic feedback response, avoids limited frequency bandwidth restrictions. We have measured response time consts. of 500 and 40 μ s. The technique presented here will help determine the power levels, operating probe-sample distance, and pulse repetition rate requirements for safe operation of NSOM instrumentation. In addition to NSOM, the instrumentation described in this article could also impact other areas that require large working range, accuracy, and high-speed response.

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L101 ANSWER 35 OF 106 COPYRIGHT THOMSON REUTERS on STN

AN 2004-542242 [52] WPIX

CR 2003-844058; 2003-875194

DNC C2005-217621 [74]

DNN N2005-587201 [74]

TI Scanning probe system for use in determining electrical characteristics between two locations on a sample includes a probe assembly including two spring probes, and electrical measurement device including two terminals

DC A89; S02; S03; T04; V05

IN CHOW E M; FORK D K; HANTSCHER T

PA (XERO-C) XEROX CORP

PI US 20040123651 A1 20040701 (200452)* EN 21[25]

US 6788086 B2 20040907 (200459) EN

ADT US 20040123651 A1 Div Ex US 2002-112215 20020329; US 20040123651 A1 US 2003-717803 20031119

FDT US 20040123651 A1 Div ex US 6668628 B

PRAT US 2003-717803 20031119

US 2002-112215 20020329

IPCR B81B0003-00 [I,A]; B81B0003-00 [I,C]; G01B0021-30 [I,A]; G01B0021-30 [I,C]; G01N0013-10 [I,A]; G01N0013-10 [I,C];

G01N0013-16 [I,A]; G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-02 [I,A]

AB US 20040123651 A1 UPAB: 20060203

NOVELTY - A scanning probe system includes a probe assembly, and electrical measurement device. The probe assembly includes two spring probes, each having fixed end attached to the substrate, a curved central section, and a free end including a probe tip for contacting a location of the sample (115). The electrical measurement device has two terminals. The spring probes comprise stress-engineered spring material films having an internal stress gradient.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - A scanning probe system comprises a stage having a surface (116) for mounting the sample, a probe assembly, and electrical measurement device. The probe assembly includes a substrate, a first spring probe and second spring probe. Each spring probe has fixed end attached to the substrate, a curved central section, and a free end including a probe tip for contacting a location of the sample. The electrical measurement device has a first terminal connected to the first spring probe, and a second terminal connected to the second spring probe. The spring probes comprise stress-engineered spring material films having an internal stress gradient.

USE - The scanning probe system is for use in determining electrical characteristics between two locations on a sample. It is used for topography, electrical, optical, and thermal measurements.

ADVANTAGE - The inventive scanning probe system facilitates topography measurements that are not possible using conventional probes. It is capable of measuring deep and/or high-aspect ratio micro electrical mechanical system devices and performs non-destructive depth profiling of wafers structured by deep reactive ion etching, which are not possible using conventional probes. It has smaller geometry.

DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS - The drawing shows a perspective view of the inventive scanning probe microscope system.

Scanning probe microscope (100) XY stage (110)

Sample (115)

Surface (116)

Holder plate (130)

Motor (135)

Probe measurement device (140) Computer/workstation (150)

MC CPI: A12-L04B

EPI: S02-A02X; S03-E02F; S03-E06B1

L101 ANSWER 39 OF 106 COPYRIGHT THOMSON REUTERS on STN

AN 2003-875194 [81] WPIX

TI Scanning probe system for probing sample
comprises stage having surface for mounting sample,
probe assembly having substrate and spring probe, and
measurement device for measuring deformation
of spring probe

IN CHOW E M; FORK D; FORK D K; HANTSCHER T

PA (XERO-C) XEROX CORP

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PI US 20030182993 A1 20031002 (200381)* EN 10[25] <--

EP 1351256 A2 20031008 (200381) EN <--

JP 2003307483 A 20031031 (200381) JA 17 <--

US 6668628 B2 20031230 (200402) EN <--

ADT US 20030182993 A1 US 2002-112215 20020329; JP 2003307483 A JP 2003-79950
20030324; EP 1351256 A2 EP 2003-7302 20030331

PRAI US 2002-112215 20020329

IPCI B81B0001-00 [I,A]; B81B0001-00 [I,C]; B81B0003-00 [I,A]; B81B0003-00
[I,C]; G01N0013-10 [I,A]; G01N0013-10 [I,C];
G01N0013-16 [I,A]; G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-02 [I,A];
G12B0021-08 [I,A]

IPCR B81B0003-00 [I,A]; B81B0003-00 [I,C]; G01B0021-30 [I,A]; G01B0021-30
[I,C]; G01N0013-10 [I,A]; G01N0013-10 [I,C];
G01N0013-16 [I,A]; G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-02 [I,A]

AB US 20030182993 A1 UPAB: 20060121

NOVELTY - A scanning probe system (100) comprises: (i) stage (110) having
surface (116) for mounting the sample (115); (ii) probe assembly having
substrate (122), and spring probe (125) having fixed end attached to the
substrate, central section, and free end with probe tip; and (iii) measurement
device (140) for measuring deformation of the spring probe caused by
interaction between the probe tip and the sample.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are also included for: (a) a method
for measuring a sample using scanning probe system comprising mounting into the
scanning probe system a probe assembly, causing the probe tip to interact with
the sample, and measuring deformation of the spring probe; and (b) a method for
forming probe assembly for scanning probe system comprising forming spring
material film on release material, etching the spring material film to form
spring material island, masking a fixed end portion of the spring material
island, and removing the release material from beneath unmasked cantilever
section of the spring material island.

USE - For probing sample, measuring the depth of structures formed on sample,
and determining electrical characteristics between two locations on sample
(claimed).

ABEN Scanning probe systems, which include scanning probe microscopes (SPMs), atomic
force microscope (AFMs), or profilometers, are disclosed that use cantilevered
spring (e.g., stressy metal) probes formed on transparent substrates. When
released, a free end bends away from the substrate to form the cantilevered
spring probe, which has an in-plane or out-of-plane tip at its free end. The
spring probe is mounted in a scanning probe system and is used to scan or
otherwise probe a substrate surface-. A laser beam is directed through the
transparent substrate onto the probe to measure tip movement during scanning or
probing. Other detection schemes can also be used (e.g., interferometry,
capacitive, piezoresistive). The probes are used for topography, electrical,
optical and thermal measurements. The probes also allow an SPM to operate as a
depth gauge.

L101 ANSWER 56 OF 106 COPYRIGHT THOMSON REUTERS on STN

AN 2002-697524 [75] WPIX

TI **Cantilever** sensor measurement head, for measuring static and dynamic properties, e.g. deflection, has **cantilever** array, light source, position sensitive detector, and cylindrical **lens**

DC A89; B04; D16; J04; S02; S03; V06

IN BABCOCK K L; MASSIE J R; MEYER C R; PRATER C; SU C; TURNER M G

PA (VEEC-N) VEECO INSTR INC

PI US 20020092340 A1 20020718 (200275)* EN 40[21] <--

WO 2003038409 A1 20030508 (200331) EN <--

AU 2002258581 A1 20030512 (200464) EN <--

PRAI US 2001-999681 20011030

US 2000-244798P 20001030

IPCR G01N0009-00 [N,A]; G01N0009-00 [N,C]; G02B0007-182 [I,A]; G02B0007-182 [I,C]; G12B0021-00 [I,C]; G12B0021-02 [I,A]

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NOVELTY - A **cantilever** sensor measurement head comprises a **cantilever** array with at least two **cantilevers**; a light source (1) that directs a light beam onto the **cantilever**; a position sensitive detector (6) that receives the light reflected by the **cantilever**; and a cylindrical **lens** (2) positioned in a path of the reflected light beam and between the **cantilever** and the position sensitive detector.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION - INDEPENDENT CLAIMS are included for: (a) a **cantilever** sensor measurement system, comprising the **cantilever** array; a detection system that generates a deflection signal indicative of deflection of the **cantilever**; a clocking device that generates a clock signal having an associated frequency; a gating circuit that generates a gating signal with a time width based on a selected number of oscillation cycles of the deflection signal; and a pulse counter that counts the oscillations of the clock signal during the time width based on the gating signal; (b) a method of measuring the oscillatory properties of the **cantilever(s)**, comprising oscillating the **cantilever** array; detecting the deflection of the **cantilever** and generating the deflection signal based on the deflection; generating the clock signal with the associated frequency; generating the gating signal with the time width; and counting the oscillations of the clock signal based on the gating signal;

(c) an apparatus for mounting the **cantilever** sensor array in the measurement head, comprising a flow cell; and a mounting stub coupled to the flow cell and having a cutout that supports the **cantilever** sensor array;

(d) a method of mounting the **cantilever** sensor array in the measurement head, comprising providing the magnetic mounting stub with the cutout; coupling the mounting stub to the flow cell with a first magnet; coupling the **cantilever** sensor array to one of opposed ends of an exchange tool including second and third magnets (19) at each respective end; and positioning the **cantilever** sensor array adjacent to the cutout, such that the **cantilever** sensor array is transferred to the cutout; and

(e) a measurement chamber for the **cantilever** sensor array, comprising the flow cell having a base, an inlet port and an outlet port connected by a flow channel; and the **cantilever** array having **cantilever(s)** mounted inside the flow cell. The cutout facilitates alignment of the **cantilever** sensor in the measurement head. The height and weight of each of the ports are equal to that of the flow channel.

USE - For measuring static and dynamic properties, e.g. deflection, resonant frequency, phase, and amplitude as a function of time in response to various target substances.

ADVANTAGE - The invention accurately detects and measures the presence of target substances in various environmental conditions. It provides very high accuracy frequency measurements in a relatively short time.

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TI CANTILEVER OF SCANNING TYPE PROBE MICROSCOPE

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AB PURPOSE: To trace a probe to measure the uneven image of a sample and to make it possible to perform the optical observation of the sample without moving a cantilever by making the free end part of the cantilever transparent to observe the sample through the free end part. CONSTITUTION: The free end of a cantilever is constituted of a probe part 1, the visually transparent part in the visible light region in the periphery of the probe part 1, that is, the transparent part 2 and a lever part 3. The transparent part 2 is composed of silicon nitride and the lever part 3 consists of a silicon membrane 6 and a piezoelectric resistance layer 12. Both ends on the opening end of the V-shaped pattern of the resistance layer 12 are fixed to a glass substrate 4 to be electrically connected to electrodes 5a, 5b. When external force acts on the cantilever, the resistance value between the electrodes 5a, 5b is varied by the stress of the resistance layer 12. The value of the current flowing to the resistance layer 12 is varied accompanying this and the force acting on the gap between the sample and the probe part 1 is detected as the variation of a current value. Optical observation is executed through the transparent part 2.

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TI Cofocal point scanning type microscope for mask inspection in semiconductor device mfr - establishes thickness of transparent layer and focal position of first object lens based on detected intensity of focal establishment reflection light

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The microscope includes a transparent layer (a14) whose thickness is established according to the thickness of a glass layer of a measurement object (A). A first object lens (a12) condenses a measurement incident light to the lower end surface of the glass layer of the measurement object. A first photodetector (a7) detects intensity of measurement reflection light from the measurement object. The size of an object part formed on the lower end surface of the measurement object is measured based on the detection result of the first photodetector. A second object lens (b11) arranged opposing the first object lens, on the same optical axis of the first object lens, condenses a focal establishment incident light to the lower end surface of the glass layer. A second photodetector (b6) detects the intensity of focal establishment reflection light from the measurement object. An optical switching unit performs a switching operation such that first object condenses measurement incident light to the measurement object during measurement operation and second object lens condenses focal establishment incident light to measurement object during focal setting of first object lens. The thickness of the transparent layer is adjusted and the focal position of the first focal lens is established based on detected intensity of focal establishment reflection light.

ADVANTAGE - Enables to perform stable instrumentation of measurement object. Eliminates necessity of using separate measurement object thickness measuring device. Enables to establish thickness of glass layer of measurement object and focal position of first object lens with high precision.